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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending June 26, 2005, rainfall slowed fieldwork in portions of the state although wheat harvest was underway in southeastern counties, according to USDA’s Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Many irrigators were preparing to apply water with some producers already running their systems. Other producer activities included hay harvest and row crop weed control.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures ranged from 2 to 9 degrees above normals. Rainfall amounts over 1 inch were common across the state with several reporting stations exceeding 2 inches. Precipitation since April 1 continued above normal, with the exception of the Southeast District, which missed out on last week's rainfall.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:  
Nebraska, Week Ending June 26, 2005

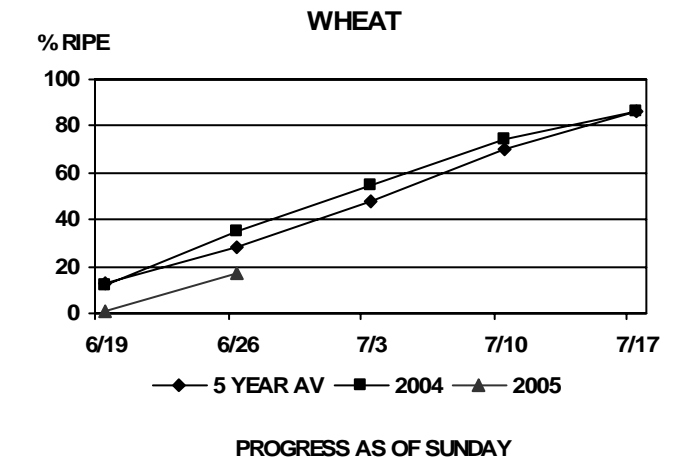
|                      | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Percent              |           |           |           |         |
| <b>Topsoil</b>       |           |           |           |         |
| Very Short           | 1         | 0         | 13        | 20      |
| Short                | 18        | 7         | 24        | 29      |
| Adequate             | 76        | 86        | 61        | 49      |
| Surplus              | 5         | 7         | 3         | 3       |
| <b>Subsoil</b>       |           |           |           |         |
| Very Short           | 5         | 5         | 36        | 28      |
| Short                | 16        | 15        | 24        | 31      |
| Adequate             | 78        | 79        | 38        | 41      |
| Surplus              | 1         | 1         | 1         | 0       |
| <b>Days Suitable</b> | 5.4       | 5.3       | 5.0       | 5.7     |

**Field Crops Report:** Wheat conditions remained stable and rated 7 percent very poor, 13 poor, 36 fair, 34 good, and 10 excellent. Eighty-two percent of the fields were turning color, behind last year at 88 and the average at 83. Seventeen percent of the crop was ripe, compared to 35 last year and 29 for the average. Five percent of the crop had been harvested, behind last year at 7 and average at 9.

Corn condition rated 2 percent poor, 11 fair, 61 good, and 26 excellent. Irrigated fields rated 91 percent good or excellent while dryland fields rated 83. Conditions continue higher than last year and normal.

Three percent of the soybean crop has bloomed, the same as last year and average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 59 good, and 21 excellent, above previous year and average.

Sorghum planting was virtually complete at 99 percent, behind last year and the average at 100. Ninety-seven percent of the crop had emerged, ahead of last year at 95 and the average at 96. Condition rated 3 percent poor, 27 fair, 55 good, and 15 excellent, above previous year and average.



Oat condition rated 3 percent poor, 20 fair, 52 good, and 25 excellent. Ninety-two percent of the crop has headed, ahead of 91 last year and 89 for the average.

Alfalfa conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 7 poor, 26 fair, 48 good, and 15 excellent. First cutting was 94 percent complete, behind last year at 95 and the average at 96. Second cutting was 17 percent complete, ahead of 11 last year and 13 average.

Proso Millet planting made good progress last week and was 61 percent complete, but remained behind last year at 87.

Dry Bean planting was virtually complete, slightly ahead of last year and the average at 98. Eighty-seven percent of the crop had emerged, compared to 82 last year and the average at 84.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending June 26, 2005

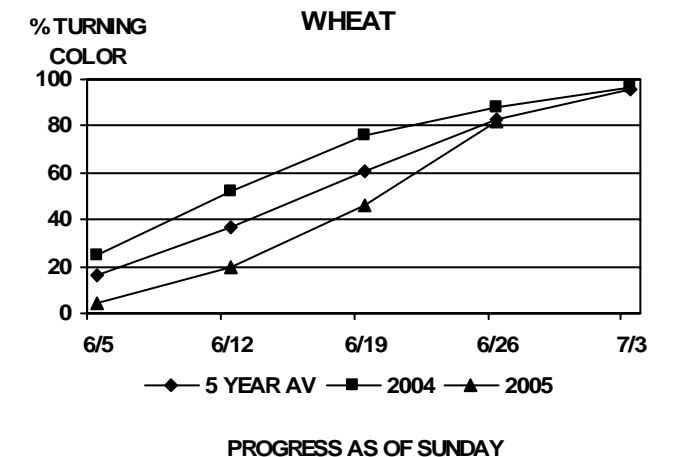
| Crop                            | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | Average |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Percent                         |           |           |           |         |
| Alfalfa 1 <sup>st</sup> Cutting | 94        | 84        | 95        | 96      |
| Alfalfa 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting | 17        | 6         | 11        | 13      |
| Dry Beans Planted               | 99        | 86        | 98        | 98      |
| Sorghum Planted                 | 99        | 96        | 100       | 100     |
| Sorghum Emerged                 | 97        | 83        | 95        | 96      |
| Soybeans Blooming               | 3         | 0         | 3         | 3       |
| Wheat Turning Color             | 82        | 46        | 88        | 83      |
| Wheat Ripe                      | 17        | 1         | 35        | 29      |
| Wheat Harvested                 | 5         | 0         | 7         | 9       |

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending June 26, 2005

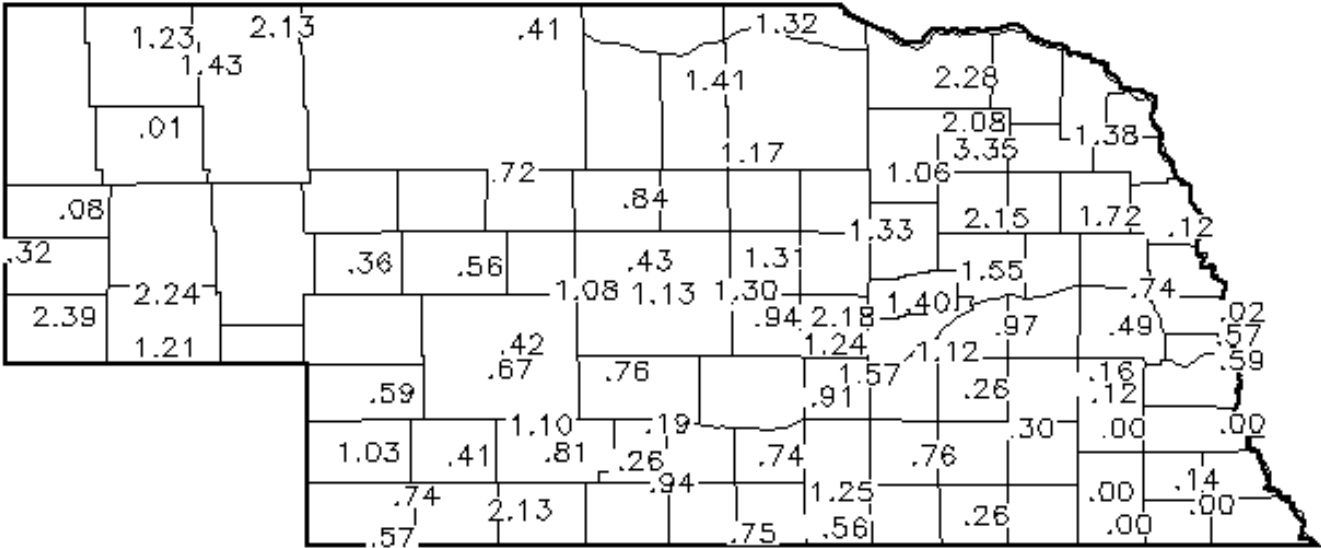
| Crop     | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Percent  |           |      |      |      |           |
| Alfalfa  | 4         | 7    | 26   | 48   | 15        |
| Corn     | 0         | 2    | 11   | 61   | 26        |
| Oats     | 0         | 3    | 20   | 52   | 25        |
| Sorghum  | 0         | 3    | 27   | 55   | 15        |
| Soybeans | 1         | 2    | 17   | 59   | 21        |
| Wheat    | 7         | 13   | 36   | 34   | 10        |

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 22 fair, 56 good, and 15 excellent. Conditions continue well above last year and normal.

*This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts\\_cur.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm). For those receiving an e-mail text version of this publication, a complete version including crop progress charts and precipitation maps can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/2005.htm>*



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending 8:00 a.m. June 26, 2005



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 – June 26, 2005

| Item                 | NW    | NC    | NE    | CEN   | EC    | SW   | SC   | SE    |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Total past week      | 1.17  | .82   | 1.75  | 1.24  | .63   | .81  | .82  | .19   |
| Total since April 1  | 11.09 | 15.56 | 13.91 | 12.72 | 11.07 | 8.83 | 9.93 | 9.92  |
| Normal since April 1 | 7.29  | 8.52  | 10.09 | 9.47  | 10.52 | 8.25 | 9.16 | 10.52 |
| Total as % of normal | 152%  | 183%  | 138%  | 134%  | 105%  | 107% | 108% | 94%   |

Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, June 26, 2005

| Station |              | Temperature |     |         |           | Growing Degree Days<br>Since April 15 |         |        |
|---------|--------------|-------------|-----|---------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|
|         |              | Extremes    |     | Average | Departure | Last<br>Week                          | Current | Normal |
|         |              | High        | Low |         |           |                                       |         |        |
| NW      | Alliance     | 96          | 56  | 74      | +5        | 155                                   | 734     | 833    |
|         | Scottsbluff  | 98          | 57  | 76      | +7        | 162                                   | 810     | 831    |
|         | Sidney       | 94          | 54  | 73      | +4        | 152                                   | 733     | 863    |
| NC      | Ainsworth    | 94          | 61  | 76      | +4        | 173                                   | 824     | 973    |
|         | Arthur       | 93          | 59  | 75      | +4        | 167                                   | 790     | 930    |
|         | O'Neill      | 92          | 63  | 77      | +4        | 176                                   | 879     | 993    |
| NE      | Concord      | 91          | 61  | 76      | +2        | 173                                   | 960     | 1039   |
|         | Elgin        | 93          | 62  | 77      | +3        | 175                                   | 938     | 1018   |
|         | West Point   | 92          | 65  | 78      | +3        | 183                                   | 1051    | 1085   |
| C       | Grand Island | 93          | 61  | 79      | +6        | 187                                   | 1061    | 1005   |
|         | Lexington    | 96          | 65  | 80      | +7        | 187                                   | 1014    | 980    |
|         | Ord          | 92          | 64  | 77      | +4        | 179                                   | 961     | 993    |
| EC      | Lincoln      | 98          | 67  | 83      | +7        | 200                                   | 1204    | 1119   |
|         | Central City | 92          | 63  | 78      | +5        | 185                                   | 1062    | 1025   |
|         | Mead         | 96          | 63  | 81      | +5        | 192                                   | 1144    | 1112   |
| SW      | Champion     | 95          | 59  | 76      | +5        | 165                                   | 899     | 943    |
|         | North Platte | 97          | 63  | 78      | +6        | 178                                   | 914     | 959    |
|         | Curtis       | 96          | 61  | 78      | +6        | 177                                   | 937     | 962    |
| SC      | Smithfield   | 93          | 63  | 77      | +5        | 179                                   | 970     | 984    |
|         | Minden       | 94          | 63  | 78      | +6        | 182                                   | 1047    | 992    |
|         | Red Cloud    | 98          | 64  | 82      | +9        | 192                                   | 1127    | 1017   |
| SE      | Beatrice     | 97          | 64  | 80      | +5        | 189                                   | 1174    | 1119   |
|         | Clay Center  | 94          | 63  | 79      | +6        | 182                                   | 1078    | 1016   |
|         | Nemaha       | 94          | 65  | 81      | +6        | 197                                   | 1239    | 1139   |

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